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SUBJ: SOMALIA DECIDES TO AID EGYPT & SYRIA

THE COUNCIL OF SRC AND SECRETARIES OF STATE HELD A JOINT EMERGENCY MEETING AND DECIDED SOMALIA WOULD SEND LIVESTOCK IN SUPPORT OF EGYPT AND SYRIA IN THE WAR AGAINST ISRAEL. THE GOVERNMENT HAS ALSO AGREED TO OPEN CENTERS IN ALL REGIONS OF SOMALIA FOR VOLUNTEERS WHO WISHED TO JOIN THE FIGHTING.

FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT FROM SONNA DAILY NEWS BULLETIN, OCT. 10, 1973:

BEGIN EXCERPTS - "THE COUNCIL OF SRC AND THE COUNCIL OF SECRETARIES HAVE IN A JOINT EMERGENCY MEETING PRESIDED OVER BY PRESIDENT OF THE SRC, GENERAL MOHAMED SIYAD BARRE LAST NIGHT DECIDED TO IMMEDIATELY SEND LIVESTOCK AS A TOKEN OF THE SOMALI PEOPLE TO THE EGYPTIAN AND SYRIAN WAR EFFORT...

HE SAID DUE TO PRESSURE ON THE GOVERNMENT THROUGH MESSAGES AND TELEGRAMS THE GOVERNMENT HAS ALSO DECIDED TO ALLOW VOLUNTEERS WHO WISH TO GO TO THE WAR FRONT AND FIGHT HAND IN HAND WITH THEIR ARAB BROTHERS AND WILL OPEN CENTERS IN ALL REGIONS WHERE VOLUNTEERS CAN ENLIST THEMSELVES.

THE STATEMENT SAID THE TWO COUNCILS HAVE ALSO CHARGED PRESIDENT OF SRC TO SEND TELEGRAMS TO PRESIDENT OF OAU, MR. GOWON, SECRETARY GENERAL EKAGAKI AND PRESIDENT OF THE RECENT NONALIGNED NATIONS SUMMIT MR. BOUMEDIENNE TO ASK BOTH OAU AND

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NON ALIGNED NATIONS TO TAKE A JOINT ACTION AGAINST THE ISRAELI

AGGRESSORS AND FORCE ISRAELIS TO ACCEPT THE DECISIONS OF OAU,
U.N. AND THE NON-ALIGNED NATION.

THE HEAD OF THE SECRETARIAT OF THE COUNCIL OF SRC, COL.
ABDULHAMID ALI YUSUF SAID THE CABLES SAY IF THE ISRAELIS CON-
TINUE TO REFUSE TO IMPLEMENT SUCH RESOLUTIONS OAU MEMBER
COUNTRIES AND THE NON-ALIGNED NATIONS SHOULD SEVERE DEIPLMIATC
RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL.

MEANWHILE THE SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS MR. OMAR ARTE
QALIB THIS MORNING MET ALL ARAB HEADS OF DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS
AND BRIEFED THEM ON THE DECISION OF SRC AND GOVERNMENT.

MR. ARTE ALSO MET THE AMBASSADORS OF THE PERMANENT MEMBERS
OF THE U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL AND TOLD THEM ABOUT SOMALIA'S
CONCERN IN THE MIDDLE EAST DEVELOPMENTS AND HOW THE SECURITY
COUNCIL HAS FAILED TO TAKE ACTION AGAINST THE ISRAELI AGGRESSORS.

THE FOREIGN SECRETARY CALLED THE AMBASSADORS OF THE SOVIET
UNION, CHINA, AMERICA, FRANCE AND BRITAIN TO FORCE THE JEWS TO
EVACUATE THE OCCUPIED ARAB LANDS. END EXCERPTS.
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